

1. Please clarify the exclusion of the existing SCADA system from the privatization proposal. Specifically, what is the intent on the future operation of the system? Is the intent to continue monitoring or monitoring and controlling existing facilities?

Response: Robin's SCADA covers multiple utilities. Robins would only monitor privatized utilities and monitor and control those that are not privatized. If the privatizing utility wishes to use a SCADA type system, just as the RFP explains, the contractor would have to install his or her own system.

2. Please clarify the exclusion of the existing sub-metering facilities. Does the base intend to continue with the use of sub-metering up to and including potential future expansion of these facilities.

Response: The base will continue with the use of sub-metering to include new construction, and more than likely, will be expanded to more existing facilities. However, there are no immediate plans for expansion.

3. Section C.8.1 Notification Procedures. Please expand on this section. Will the base continue to directly receive calls from residents on the base and forward requesting to the successful bidder? Is the intent for the successful bidder to receive all calls directly?

Response: All calls should come to the successful offeror, but as base personnel adjust to the new arrangement, a notification procedure would be established to ensure all appropriate calls are forwarded.

4. Section C.9.3.1 Temporary Connections. Please clarify who is responsible for paying for the installation of the facilities and energy consumed on the temporary connections.

Response: It should be the responsibility of the party requesting temporary power to coordinate and pay for the connections. As for paying for the power consumed, that would be between the base and the party requesting temporary power. The offeror would have no control over payment for power consumed, nor should they expect payment for anything other than the connection.

5. Section C.9.7--Please expand on this requirement. If possible, provide an estimate of the number and duration of planned meetings.

Response: The Administration Contracting Officer calls the meetings. Number of meetings and duration will be held on an as needed basis.

6. Section C.9.8--Please expand on the typical annual requirements and duration.

Response: Requirements can vary on number and duration. Requirements will be handle as an emergency work and will last until the on-scene commander terminate the exercise.

7. Clarify the owner and maintenance requirements of the beacons on the high mast lights. Are these beacons included in the privatization proposal.

Response: The beacons on the high mast lights are included in the privatization proposal. They should be fully operational and manufacturer's O&M recommendations followed.

8. J1-20--Please expand on the expectations for Black Start. How often and to what extent are Black Start simulations scheduled.

Response: Real world Black Start would involve the successful offeror, and require them to open the breakers in the Milledgeville Street (D Street) substation and the Ninth Street substation dropping the load and then closing them, picking up the load, after the 115,000 volt power had been restored from the Combustion Turbine (CT Plant) Plant on base. Black Start simulations are typically conducted annually and should not involve the successful bidder. All switching and load changing would occur on the equipment/circuits owned by Georgia Power and Robins AFB.

9. J1-24--Please expand. Is the intent of this section to cover damage or routine grounds maintenance?

Response: It is unclear what the potential offeror is asking. The information on page J1-24 is in Section J1.3, Specific Service Requirements. Several paragraphs cover mishap/damaged property issues. A paragraph towards the bottom of the page addresses grounds maintenance separately from safety/mishap/damaged property and refers to Condition F of Attachment 1 of the Right of Way (ROW).

10. J1-27--Please provide a sample outage report.

Response: Robins AFB does not have a sample to provide. The form should contain the location, repairs, duration, cause, time of outage, time reported, time dispatched, the responding crew's on scene time, crew's departure time, etc.

11. Please clarify access requirements for the apron lights on Joint Stars Rd. These masts are behind secure fences. Will special escorts for the high rise buckets and clearances for the men working on these lights be required.

Response: Yes.

12. J1-2.1.2--Inventory, are numerous outdoor lights, parking lot lights, poles as well as sports lighting.

a) On a previous Air Force privatization, we were instructed NOT to include sports lighting. Are we to include Sports Lighting in this effort?

Response: Yes.

b) Please define street and parking lot lighting? Normally, utility outdoor lighting is that lighting directly served from the electric distribution system. It appears that some of the lighting included at RAFB, especially parking lot lighting, is served from the service entrance equipment of the particular building associated with the parking lot. This is a safety problem as the contractor will not have control of a building's service entrance equipment and, therefore, cannot assure itself proper mandatory clearance when working on the lighting equipment. This is not a problem for lighting served directly from the distribution system. Additionally, internal building wiring is covered under the National Electric Code whereas utilities work under the National Electrical Safety Code. Are we to include that lighting served from building service entrance equipment? Can the Government identify the lighting served from building service entrance equipment?

Response: All outdoor lighting except lighting mounted on buildings is included in privatization. For lighting fed from facilities, control of service entrance equipment is not an issue. The contractor would locate the breaker(s) then lock and tag them before working on the lighting, the same as the current maintainers do currently. The government cannot identify where all lighting is served from. The contractor will have full access to any mechanical rooms necessary for maintenance/repairs. The appropriate electrical codes will be followed along with OSHA requirements for lock out/tag out.

13. Please provide demarcation locations where overhead transformers serve a building by means of a secondary underground riser.

Response: Your attention is directed to the RFP, Section J. Also, maps are available in the central library.

14. Please provide a copy of the current one-line drawing of the system; or the circuit one-lines.

Response: This has already been provided on a CD ROM, and is available in the central library.

15. Please provide base peak demands, energy and kVAR for the past 36 months.

Response: Robins does not track kVAR. Available peak demands/energy information will be provided upon request from the installation.

16. Please provide meter data for all meters for the past year, including kW and kWh. We understand that most of these are being read electronically.

Response: Robins will provide these separately.

17. When was the last infrared inspection conducted? Please provide summaries of any problems found that were not corrected.

Response: The 9th Street substation was inspected March 2003 and all potential problem areas corrected. D Street (Milledgeville) was inspected on a limited basis to check repairs and all items checked out satisfactory. No other checks have been conducted.

18. Please provide a copy of the base's master plan.

Response: Base Contingency Plan is included in the Technical Library on a CD.

19. Please provide a copy of the SPCC. The link provided in the first response to questions is not working.

Response: Please specify the name of the file, the problem so we can make the necessary correction.

20. Please provide a copy of the base's emergency response plan... specifically the priority list of buildings.

Response: The Base Contingency Plan is included in the Technical Library on a CD.

21. Please provide a list of generators on the base (fixed and mobile). Please indicate which buildings are rigged for mobile generator installations.

Response: Generators are not part of our Utilities Privatization. Please specify why this information is needed?

22. Please elaborate on the demarcations on 4.16 kV circuits that serve large motors. The circuits end at the motor, but there are starters and control equipment along the way. Please verify that the controls will be retained by the Air Force.

Response: The starters and any other control equipment will belong to the Air Force. The circuits/distribution wire/cable would remain property of the contractor.

23. We understand that Robins' Environmental section has transformer PCB records. Please provide a copy of these.

Response: These can be added to the central library and can be provided to all potential offerors has deemed necessary.

24. The industrial treatment plant number one currently discharges to the head of the Domestic wastewater plant. With amendment 3 the contractor loses the ability to control the effluent characteristics of the Industrial treatment plant, in-turn losing the ability to foresee the influent characteristics of the domestic wastewater treatment plant. In addition, industrial loading from the industrial facility enters the system after the influent and primary effluent loadings are taken and the backwash from the ground water treatment is sent to a manhole upstream from the headworks of the plant. Unforeseen conditions could result in compliance problems, fines, increased treatment costs and plant degradation. Robins and the DESC have to place restrictions on what industrial treatment plant no 1 can discharge to the domestic plant, currently these are not included in the RFP. American Water is requesting that these new limits be part of the current RFP. Is it possible to place restrictions on these providers in an amendment to the RFP?

Response: Georgia Environmental Protection Department (EPD) would place these restrictions on IWTP #1. Robins and DESC do not place any restrictions on what the industrial treatment plant (#1) discharge to the domestic plant.

25. There is a chance that the State of Georgia will change permit requirements upon transition, which could impact the treatment cost and performance level required to meet compliance. Will there be a chance to renegotiate costing should this situation occur?

Response: In the event permit requirements changed, the contractor has the responsibility to bring this matter to the attention of Administrative Contracting Officer. In accordance with the FAR Clause, 252.243-7002, Requests for Equitable Adjustment

26. Would it be possible for American Water to receive a copy of plant loading and performance data associated with industrial treatment plant no. 1 and the domestic wastewater plant?

Response: Please see attached file.

27. The current RFP places responsibility of the final effluent leaving the property with the successful bidder. It is unfair for the successful bidder to accept this responsibility with three different operations contributing to the final effluent (i.e. Earthtech Groundwater plant, Robin's industrial plant no. 2 and the domestic wastewater plant). Will this responsibility be altered or extracted from the RFP?

Response: Earthtech Groundwater Plant and Robins IWTP #2 are permitted separately and sampled prior to discharge to STP effluent. STP samples are taken before flows are combined, so this should not be an issue. Earthtech's GWP and IWTP #2 do not contribute to the STP's effluent characteristics.

28. At the time of the site visit we were promised tank inspection reports and were told that these would be on the technical library cd. The technical library cd that was given to us did not contain these reports. Could we request a copy of these reports?

Response: Please contact Carlos Fagundo, (478) 926-5820, ext. 104, if you are interested in receiving these reports.

29. The SCADA system is connected to an impressive base wide monitoring system that is currently not part of the contract. At the site visit no persons could give clear indication of how the successful bidder would tie into the existing system to monitor the contract assets. How will this interconnect be handled and what costs would be passed on to the contractor?

Response: SCADA system will remain property of Robins AFB. Robins will use the existing SCADA system for monitoring purposes only.

30. What processes would be involved with adding additional monitoring and control components to the existing SCADA system?

Response: The successful bidder will be required to purchase and install their own SCADA system if the company wants to remotely monitor/control the equipment.

31. What dates do the existing well permits need to be renewed?

Response: The contractor will be required to obtain permits from the State of Georgia. The State of Georgia will inform the contractor as to when the new permits will have to be renewed.

32. What laboratory testing is required of the current water system, and will the successful bidder be required to perform any special testing customized around certain base installations?

Response: The tests performed now are the tests that are required by the Georgia Environmental Protection Department. Test results are reported in accordance to State regulations.

33. Lift station 131 is located in a highly secure area and is need of immediate attention. Would it be possible to relocate a new station as a replacement immediately outside of the secure area?

Response: We do not have an LS #131. If a lift station is in a secure area and the contractor would like to replace it and put it in another area, coordination would be required by base personnel and contracting issues would have to be worked out, but it could be done. The contractor would incur any additional costs.

34. Wastewater Treatment - In the system format the treatment is roughing filter and then nitrification. The roughing filters are only removing approximately 20% of carbonaceous loadings placing 80% to enter the nitrification tanks. This system is supposed to work similar to a two stage aeration setup. The nitrification units have too much carbonaceous loading to operate purely as a nitrification process. The process numbers from the laboratory does not reflect the physical view of the process. The system isn't operated to design specifications but process numbers are perfect. American Water is requesting copies of the last year's process data and an updated plant design drawings.

Response: The point of contact at the installation is Carlos Fagundo, (478) 926-5820, ext 104. Offerors can review the plant design drawings at the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), however, no copies will be made, nor sent out to any offerors.

35. What is the average annually chemical usage for the water and wastewater treatment facilities included in the privatization solicitation?

Response: Please see attached file.

36. Is there a Base Restoration Plan and if so can we get a copy?
No plan was seen in the technical library.

Response: There is no Base Restoration Plan.

37. Are there any well meters to be read? If so is this a base requirement?

Response: Yes, all wells have meters and have to be read. This is a requirement by the Georgia Environmental Department.

38. J4-17 lists "1 ea" trickling filter. There appears to be two trickling filter process structures on site. Do we put all costs for two units into one lump sum in the "1 ea" line item?

Response: There are only two trickling filters.